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SUBJ: ALBANIA COLDLY GREETS CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY ON ITS
ELEVENTH CONGRESS

1. SUMMARY. IN THE WAKE OF CCP CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG'S
POINTED DEFENSE IN HIS AUGUST 12 POLITICAL WORK REPORT OF
THE PRC WORLD VIEW AGAINST ALBANIAN CHARGES, THE NCNA
HAS CARRIED ALBANIAN LABOR PARTY FIRST SECRETARY ENVER
HOXHA'S TART MESSAGE OF "REVOLUTIONARY GREETING" TO THE
CCP ON THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE ELEVENTH PARTY
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CONGRESS. IN ADDITION, REFERENCE NEWS, THE PRC'S
RESTRICTED DIGEST OF THE FOREIGN PRESS, REPRINTED SEVERAL
REPORTS IN JULY AND AUGUST CONCERNING STRAINED ALBANIAN-
PRC RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY ON AUGUST 24 ISSUED
THE TEXT OF AN AUGUST 22 MESSAGE FROM ALBANIA LABOR

PARTY LEADER ENVER HOXHA CONVEYING "REVOLUTIONARY GREETING" OF THE ALBANIANS TO HUA KUO-FENG ON HIS ELECTION AS CCP CHAIRMAN AND TO THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY ON THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF ELEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS (AUGUST 12-18). THE MESSAGE RATHER CURTLY ALLUDES TO PARTY DIFFERENCES, HOWEVER. IT STATES THAT "WE WISH WHOLEHEARTEDLY THAT IN THE FUTURE TOO, THE CAUSE OF THE REVOLUTION, OF THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT AND SOCIALISM IN CHINA ADVANCE NONSTOP...THE ALBANIAN PEOPLE WISH THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR PARTIES AND PEOPLE DEVELOP AND BE STRENGTHENED ON THE CORRECT ROAD OF MARXISM-LENINISM AND ON THE BASIS OF THE IMMORTAL PRINCIPLES OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM."

3. THE PRC IS ALSO KEEPING ITS CITIZENS FULLY INFORMED OF SINO-ALBANIAN PROBLEMS. THE PRC'S RESTRICTED FOREIGN PRESS DIGEST, REFERENCE NEWS (TS'AN-K'AO HSIAO-HSI; CIRCULATION 9,000,000), HAS BEEN REPRINTING FOREIGN PRESS COVERAGE OF THE GROWING RIFT. USLO HAS OBTAINED PART OF THE FIRST TWO PAGES OF THE JULY 20 ISSUE AND A COMPLETE AUGUST 15 ISSUE (COPIES POUCED TO HONG AND THE DEPARTMENT). BOTH ISSUES CONTAIN DETAILED COVER-AGE OF PRC PROBLEMS WITH ALBANIA, INCLUDING EXCERPTS FROM A JULY 9 WASHINGTON POST REPORT, A JULY 10

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TOKYO SHIMBUN ARTICLE, AND A "RECENT" ESSAY FROM A DUTCH MAGAZINE. THE ARTICLES NOTED THE PUBLICATION OF THE JULY 7 ZERI I POPULLIT ARTICLE ATTACKING THE PRC VIEW OF THE WORLD, AND REVIEWED THE HISTORY OF SINO-ALBANIAN RELATIONS. THE DUTCH ARTICLE OFFERED TENG HSIAO-PING'S THEN IMPENDING REHABILITATION AS ONE MOTIVATION FOR THE ALBANIAN ATTACKS WHEREAS THE WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE NOTED THAT DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS IN YUGOSLAVIA FEEL THAT ALBANIAN INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS ARE THE CAUSE.

4. IN ADDITION, THE AUGUST 21 ISSUE OF PRC'S SUMMARY OF FOREIGN NEWS REPORTS DISTRIBUTED TO PEKING EMBASSY AND NEWS BUREAUS CONTAINED AND AUGUST 20 AFP REPORT WHICH STATED THAT CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG'S POLITICAL WORK REPORT CONTAINED A DIRECT REPLY TO HOXHA'S CHARGES. THE ARTICLE NOTED THAT THE ALBANIANS OPPOSE THE "CHINESE LINE" THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS "THE MOST DANGEROUS OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS".

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